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It is very disappointing to the Australian Soccer Federation to read in so many publications so much criticism of the F.A.'s selection of players.

Granted, no present member of the England International team has been included in the party, but many have had considerable experience of international football at Under 23 level.

Professional football does not come any tougher or more efficiently than on the English scene. Sir Alfred Ramsay has carefully selected this squad with a definite view to many members being groomed for inclusion in the 1974 World Cup squad. They are dedicated professionals out to prove themselves.

I remember well the national team of Greece which toured Australia in 1969. Some of the old stars were not included and we were at first disappointed. After losing the first match to Australia in Sydney, Greece fought back to draw in Brisbane and completely outplay the team in Melbourne.

Many of the older stars of the Greek team never regained their places in the national team. When Australia visited Greece on the overseas tour, they faced many of the players whom they had met in Australia during the 1969 tour. (Incidentally, Dedes who toured here has scored 20 goals this season with his club, Panionios).

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Mr Brian Le Fevre

**-BRIAN LE FEVRE**  
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This first edition of **SOCCER SCENE** has been brought out especially to give details of the England touring side. Future editions will carry more Australian and world-wide news in the space taken up by these details.

We look forward to a happy relationship with you — the reader.

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# England Sends Tough Combination

The team announced by the English Football Association to make a tour of Australia in May and June will be a disappointment to many not closely associated with the sport.

It is a team without any established stars or glamour players.

Manchester United, Manchester City, Arsenal, Tottenham Hotspur, Leeds and Chelsea to name a few, have not been called upon to release any of their players for the tour. Or, if they have, they have rejected the overtures.

For the average soccer fan, the names of Bobby Charlton, George Best, Gordon Banks, Pele, Eusebio, etc. are household names. Only those who closely follow the game or a particular team will know much about the players coming to Australia.

The following players have been named:

Goalkeepers: Peter Grummit (Sheffield Wednesday) and Jimmy Barron (Nottingham Forest).

Full-backs: Peter Hindley (Nottingham Forest), Peter Hall (Crystal Palace).

Half-backs: Michael Bailey (Capt. Wolverhampton Wanderers), Keith Eddy (Watford), Alan Stephenson (West Ham United), Norman Piper (Portsmouth), Mike Keen (Luton Town).

Forwards: Chris Chilton (Hull City), Kenneth Wagstaff (Hull City), David Wagstaffe (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Rodney Marsh (Queens Park Rangers), George McVitie (West Bromwich Albion), Barry Bridges (Millwall).

Not names to set the world on fire and certainly it will be a difficult job to entice thousands of outsiders who are normally attracted by either the glamour names or a well-known team.

However, England is England and the team coming is full of top professionals who know their job and are regular players in either the first or second division. Most have had international experience.

The captain is midfield player Mike Bailey, who said when appointed that he was leading a very strong side, especially up forward, and they hoped to contribute a lot to the future of Australian soccer.

Seven Under-23 Internationals are in the squad and they are worth well over \$1,071,500 dollars on the transfer market.

Bailey is the only fully capped player in the team, having played twice for England — against the United States and Wales in 1964.

Five years ago he transferred from Charlton to Wolverhampton Wanderers for \$85,720 and he is now worth \$214,300 on the market. He is a midfield dynamo and is mainly responsible for Wolves drive towards the top of the first division ladder.

Travelling with him is team mate David Wagstaffe, an orthodox but deadly winger.

Watford captain half-back Keith Eddy was told of his selection only hours after asking for a transfer. He said after this news that he would consider withdrawing his transfer.

Norman Piper has one Under-23 cap to his name and made 215 appearances with Plymouth until moving to Portsmouth.

In attack there is tremendous striking power, with the second division's three leading goalscorers.

Barry Bridges needs no introduction to Australia. He was a member of the Chelsea side that toured Australia in 1964, when Chelsea went undefeated.

Hull City strikers Chris Chilton and Ken Wagstaff form one of the deadliest striking duo's in the English second division.

West Ham United is represented by Alan Stephenson, who suffered badly with cartilage problems last year, but has now recovered.



**RODNEY MARSH**

Forward: (Queens Park Rangers). The "Clown Prince of British Soccer". He is a major reason for QPR's drive from third to first division in three years, though the club failed to maintain their momentum and is back in the second division. Valued at \$428,600 on the transfer market. Elusive and clever with a deadly shot.

## MARSH- "THE CLOWN PRINCE"

The naming of Queens Park Rangers "Clown Prince of Soccer", Rodney Marsh to the England touring team for Australia next month is a step in the right direction in the glamour stakes.

He is a brilliant player in the modern style of long hair, and for a time bearded, who is fast and elusive, though at times tends to play to the gallery instead of getting on with the game.

Marsh was one of the integral parts of Q.P.R.'s rise from third division to first from 1966 to 1969.

That Q.P.R. could not stay the pace and dropped back to the second division for 1970 has not stunted Marsh's ability to be a free scorer.

One of his top memories was in 1967 when with one goal helped Queens Park Rangers score a 3-2 victory over West Bromwich Albion to win the Football League Cup at Wembley.

He is above all a clever ball player who should cause many anxious moments to Australian teams.





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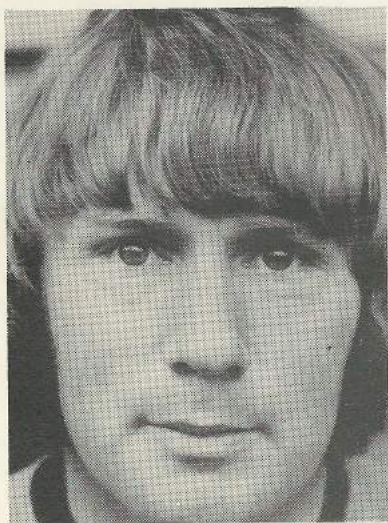
#### KEITH EDDY

Half-back: 5'11", 11 stone 10 lb. (Watford). Captain of Watford. A midfield general, who cost the club only \$2600 from Barrow. Made his debut for Barrow when he was 17, scoring in his team's 3-2 win over Watford.



#### MICHAEL BAILEY

Half-back: 5'7½", 11 stone 2 lb. (Wolverhampton Wanderers) Captain of Wolves and the English tourists, he is an Under-23 International and gained two full caps against the United States and Wales in 1963 and 1964 respectively. Joined Wolves from Charlton Athletic in 1966 for \$90,000 and is today estimated to be worth \$220,000. Made his league debut with Charlton in the 1960-61 season, where he played more than 150 games. Born Wisbech.



#### DAVID WAGSTAFFE

Forward: 5'8", 10 stn. 8 lbs. (Wolverhampton Wanderers). Strong-shooting, hard-working winger who has played other forward positions with success. A former England schoolboy and youth international, he was signed from Manchester City in December 1964. Made his league debut at 17. Born Manchester.



#### JOHN BARRON

Goalkeeper: 5'11½", 11 stn. 7 lbs. (Nottingham Forest). Sound in technique. Transferred from Oxford United for \$60,000. Joined Oxford in 1966 from Chelsea, a club he had joined from Wolverhampton Wanderers where he first became a professional at the age of 17. Born Tantobie, Co. Durham.



#### PETER WALL

Full-back: 5'11", 12stn. 3lb (Crystal Palace). Fast, attacking full-back who is also strong and resolute in defence. A valuable addition to Palace after he signed last May for \$80,000 from Liverpool, where he spent four years. Born Shrewsbury.





**CHRIS CHILTON**

Forward: 6ft. 13 stn. 7lb (Hull City). One of the second division's most prolific goal scorers. He has played more than 400 games for Hull City. With Ken Wagstaff, he forms probably the most lethal striking combination in the second division and with Millwall's Bridges should provide many headaches for Australian sides.



**NORMAN PIPER**

Half-back: 5'6½". 9 stn. 11lbs (Portsmouth). An Under-23 representative, who joined Pompey from Plymouth, where he had 215 appearances. A skilful young player who shows promise.



**ALAN STEPHENSON**

Half-back: 6' 12 stn. (West Ham United) An expensive reinforcement for the Hammers defence at \$170,000 when he signed from Crystal Palace in March 1968. A strong, uncompromising centre-half, he has made seven Under-23 appearances for England. Missed much of the past season through cartilage problems. Born Chesham.



**PETER HINDLEY**

Full-back: 5'11" 12 stn, 4lb. (Nottingham Forest). Strong, tackling full-back, who signed professional forms for Forest in June 1961. He made his team debut at centre-forward - in March 1963. Won an Under-23 cap against Greece in 1967. Has made well over 300 appearances for the club. Born Worksop.



**PETER GRUMMITT**

Goalkeeper: 5'10". 11stn 11lb. (Sheffield Wednesday). Three time England Under-23 and a Football League representative. Played almost 400 games for Nottingham Forest, a club he joined as a groundstaff boy, signing professional in 1960. At 18 in November 1960 he became youngest 'keeper to play for Forest since the war.





**MIKE KEEN**

*Full-back: (Luton Town): A solid hard tackling defender who has helped Luton to the brink of promotion with a good season.*



**GEORGE McVITTIE**

*Forward: 5'9½", 11 stone 1 lb. (West Bromwich Albion): Signed for West Brom in the 1970-71 season from Carlisle United for \$70,000. Joined Carlisle as an apprentice and was a regular with that side for two years. Born Carlisle.*



**KEN WAGSTAFF**

*Forward: 5'9", 13 stone 11 lb. (Hull City): In over 400 matches with Mansfield Town and Hull he has scored over 130 goals and is valued over \$250,000 on the transfer market.*



**MICK MILLS**

*Full-back: 5'8", 11 stone 3 lb. (Ipswich Town): A shrewd sturdy defender who plays either full-back or midfield. He joined Ipswich as an apprentice in August 1965. Has played for England in several youth internationals. Born Godalming.*



**BARRY BRIDGES**

*Forward: Height 5'9½", 11stn 10½ lb. (Milwall) A forceful forward who toured Australia with Chelsea in 1965. Since joined Queens Park Rangers before going to Milwall. Signed professional first with Chelsea in May 1958. A former England schoolboy representative and played 18 times in under 18 Youth internationals. Born Horsford, Norwich.*

## The best ever Arsenal?

by "The Pom"

Mr Denis Hill-Wood, chairman of the famous English club, Arsenal, certainly set the cat among the pigeons after Arsenal beat Liverpool 2-1 in the final of the English FA Cup at Wembley.

Mr Hill-Wood came out with the remarkable comment that the present Arsenal side is "the greatest ever to represent the club."

Within minutes of that statement being published in Australian papers, my telephone was buzzing. Soccer fans from England, with much longer memories than those of Mr Hill-Wood, phoned to insist that the Arsenal chairman was talking through the top of his hat.

And I had to agree with them. I agreed even more strongly after watching the TV film of the Cup Final, in fact I am convinced that the great Arsenal teams of the 1930s would have made mincemeat of the side which beat Liverpool 2-1 at Wembley so recently..

If Mr Hill-Wood had said that the 1971 Arsenal had achieved more than any previous Arsenal line-up, nobody would have quibbled. After all, it is a remarkable performance to take out the FA Cup and the football league championship in the one season. The feat has been achieved only twice this century—Tottenham Hotspur being the other double winners, ten years ago.

Ask any old Arsenal fans to name their best-ever team and they will undoubtedly trot out these names: Moss: Male, Hapgood: Jones, Roberts, John: Hulme, Jack, Lambert, James and Bastin. Often regarded as the finest club side ever seen in British soccer, that team had 100 per cent more skill than the one which beat Liverpool this month.

Apart from Derby County's Raich Carter and Peter Doherty, a dozen or so years later, no pair of inside-forwards in England has ever approached the sheer skills of David Jack and Alex James. Jack was the immaculate ball artist, with the deceptive change of pace and body swerve, and goalscoring ability. James was the midfield general, so often controlling the whole course of a game, switching defence into attack, and laying on passes breathtaking in their lethal accuracy. Where, today, could such players be found? Surely not in the 1971 Arsenal team.

When it comes to speedy, goalscoring, wingers, Joe Hulme and Cliff Bastin had few peers. They made goals, and they scored them. They caused excitement every time they took possession of the ball. Hulme and Bastin, plus Jack and James, would have been automatic selections for the first XI if they were with the present Arsenal team.

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# Arsenal—Double Champions



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 Standing (from left): George Wright (physiotherapist), Bob McNab, Peter Storey, Peter Simpson, Geoff Barnett, Bob Wilson, John Roberts, Ray Kennedy, Peter Marinello, Don Houve (Coach)  
 Sitting: Charlie George, John Radford, George Armstrong, John Sammels, Frank McLintock, Bertie Mee (Manager), Pat Rice, Eddie Kelly, George Graham and Sammy Nelson.

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# A DEADLY START TO 1971



1971 has started with some tragedies.

There was the Ibrox disaster followed by a mindless stampede in Salvador where a friendly game between Vittoria and Gremio to celebrate the opening of Salvador's 120,000 capacity stadium was being played.

The match was in the presence of the Brazilian president Emilio G. Medici.

In the 65th minute the lights on two of the floodlight Pylons exploded, shattering glass and metal over the spectators. The remaining lights fused and in the darkness a fight developed and panic broke out with a stampede on for the exits.

The result: two dead and 2,086 people injured and carried to 17 hospitals, which overflowed, the least injured being sent home for later observation.

Ladislau Pereira manager of Ferrovaria of Brazil was beaten to death by spectators — supporters of the rival team Itarana in the state of Espirito Santo. Pereira attempted to protect the referee who was struck by an Itarana player. But he had walked only a few yards before spectators jumped the fence and beat him to death with sticks while others threw stones at him from the terraces. Their excuse was they thought he was going to manhandle one of their players. To fans of the mighty Newcastle team of the early 50s the name Ted Robledo will come readily to mind.

He and his brother George were in the team that won the F.A. cup in 1952 by beating Arsenal, George scoring the winning goal with a header a few minutes from time.

Ted was born in Chile of a Chilean father and an English mother and at four years old was brought to England.

After playing for Newcastle both brothers returned to Chile where they played for the Coca Cola team of Santiago. Ted went back to England and was signed to Notts County.

After playing for that club Ted disappeared from view, but recently news came through that he had been working on an oil rig "Discoverer Four" in the Persian Gulf.

It was there that Ted Robledo ended his life, being murdered, falling into the sea after being hit on the head by an iron bar wielded by a certain Heinz Bassinich. A search for Robledo's body was never successfully concluded.

Bassinich apparently is still in prison in the Gulf State of Dubai awaiting trial.

## 136 INVITED TO WORLD CUP

F.I.F.A. has invited 136 affiliated national associations to compete in the 1974 World Cup.

A total of 71 countries entered the 1970 championships and F.I.F.A. expects this number to be surpassed.

The groupings for the preliminary competition will be decided by the F.I.F.A. organising committee at a meeting in Dusseldorf, West Germany, on July 15 and 16 this year.

## ITALIAN NOISES

When Spain upset every critics predictions by beating Italy 2-0 recently it was a vintage performance that accomplished the feat under the expert tuition of coach Ladislav Kubala.

But the feature of the match was the disgraceful performance of the crowd at the Stadium Santa Ella of Cagliari.

The reason for the 90 minute demonstration throughout the match was Italian national coach Ferruccio Valcareggi's move in not naming Cagliari stars Domenghini, Albertossi, Niccolai and Gori in the team.

Insults and abuse made Rome's notorious crowds appear like a simpering girls choir.

"Valcareggi fell for an old trick in thinking he was playing a weak side, but Spain had improved beyond recognition" was the general comment. Consequently he experimented with new players, leaving out certain stars.

## T.V. VERSUS CROWDS

Recent pronouncements by the president of the W.A. Soccer Federation Mr J.C. Re, on the televising of matches to the detriment of the game in W.A. has echoes round the world.

None more so than in Hungary where standards and crowds have dropped alarmingly since the golden days in the 1950's.

A typical day for example would be: A particular top match starts at 10.30 a.m. while a second top match would be televised at 3 p.m. and another top game would commence at 7 p.m. There are not many people apart from the fanatics, who would watch all three and in the end most opt for the easy luxury of relaxation at home in the afternoon, in front of T.V. after a leisurely time with the family in the morning and a film or some other entertainment in the evening.

So televising in Hungary has been stopped except for the odd game on Saturday afternoon.

Remember Michael Kellner, the good-looking tall goalkeeper of Hertha Zehlendorf 03 who played in Australia last year?

Kellner (pictured above and left pushing a shot over the bar) has left Zehlendorf and joined the West German Bundesliga club Hertha BSC Berlin.

Two other players who visited Australia with Zehlendorf, the giant midfielder player Uwe Kliemann and striker Wolfgang Suhrholz, who scored against WA, have also transferred. Both have gone to the Bundesliga Club Rot-Weiss Oberhausen and have become the first team's star players.

The loss of these players has affected Zehlendorf's performance in the Berlin regional league this season. After winning the 1969 and 1970 league competitions, Zehlendorf is this year struggling near the middle of the premiership.

They are given no chance this year of reaching the qualifying rounds to play off with the other regional league leaders to fill the two promotion spots.





# WANTED: GOALS!

The search is on for more goals to improve the image of British soccer.

Rarely has net bending been such a difficult task and today the average of the combined four divisions in England is close to its lowest ebb ever.

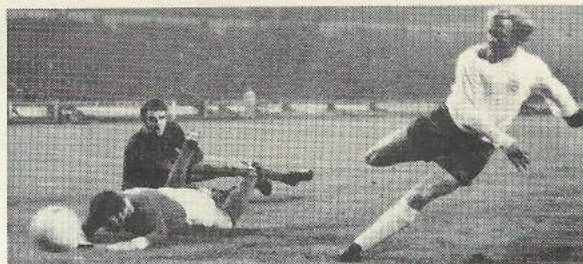
The Football league in recent weeks has discussed the problem and it would seem that new rules to encourage scoring could be implemented.

Somehow the emphasis on the "System" and the fear of losing has to be overcome, otherwise the falling crowds will continue at an every increasing rate.

The latest figures for Europe are:

	Games	Goals	Average
Luxembourg	66	242	3.66
Switzerland	98	326	3.32
East Germany	91	284	3.12
Eire	84	262	3.11
Austria	120	359	2.99
France	190	566	2.97
Scotland	162	470	2.90
Hungary	120	336	2.80
Holland	144	390	2.70
West Germany	153	413	2.69
Bulgaria	120	315	2.62
England (Second Division)	231	594	2.57
Belgium	120	307	2.55
England (First Division)	231	581	2.51
Portugal	105	259	2.46
Rumania	120	292	2.43
Spain	120	291	2.42
Yugoslavia	153	366	2.39
Poland	91	212	2.32
Czechoslovakia	120	263	2.19
Greece	108	236	2.18
Italy	96	208	2.16

It is not surprising to find Italy at the bottom of the table if their World cup preliminary final matches were any indication. They had two scoreless draws and a single 1-0 victory.



*Goals in the English competition are hard to get and the average is among the lowest ever. However, in international and inter-country club matches, the average is much higher. Here Francis Lee scores one in England's 3-1 win over East Germany.*

When one looks at the scores that come from that countries championship one is surprised that they managed to top the 200 mark.

Semi-professional countries such as Luxembourg and Switzerland have not yet been affected fully by the win at all costs malaise that strikes the highly organised British and West German competitions.

Only East Germany, in the communist bloc, appear to have any sort of adventurous spirit, and their recent publicity and successes can be seen as a direct result of their search for goals, even though they faltered badly against England.

But it is probably too easy to point to falling goal averages as the only fault of modern soccer.

Fans want success today and to achieve that blissful state managers are concentrating first on a tight defence that will concede as few goals as possible and then worrying about the ability to plant the ball in someone else's net.

A number of critics constantly sing the praises of Ron Greenwood and West Ham for their attractive play, but fans are now crying for success in place of the purists plaudits.

Apart from one or two teams at the head of the first division in England, there is apparent a greater evenness in that competition where defences have nullified the opposition's attack producing a stalemate.

This can be said for West Germany, and in the last two years for Greece.

In Portugal no longer does Benfica dominate to the degree it did before as is the same for the great Real Madrid in Spain.



## MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, PLEASE?

*Care to dance? could be what Arsenal's Pat Rice (left) is asking Chelsea's Alan Hudson during a high kicking duel during a first division match between the two London clubs at High-bury Stadium last month.*

*Arsenal won 2-0 to help win the championship.*



# GOAL!



*Francis Lee heads England's third goal into the net against Greece in the European Nations Cup match at Wembley.*

## ITALY~IN THE RED

Italian soccer is in the red.

Despite the fact that they are the current European Champions and runners-up in last year's World Cup, money is scarce and the situation is getting worse.

The total debt of all clubs, 16 in the first division, 20 second division and 168 semi-professional was said at a recent meeting of the National Soccer League Committee to have reached the stunning total of 32,000 million lire (almost \$50,000,000 Australian).

The first division, which draws the big crowds and pro-

duces and pays stars, are no less in trouble than the other. They carry almost a third of that debt.

Interest paid by all clubs on their debts is estimated at almost \$2,000,000 a year and, as each year's deficit is carried forward to the next season, the situation gets worse.

Some clubs survive through the pockets of their wealthy directors and supporters, such as Turin's Juventus, which is half owned by the wealthy Agnelli family of Fiat motor car fame.

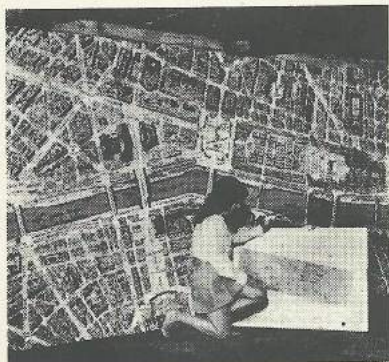
The two Milan clubs, considered to be the richest in Italy, constantly finish the season with a deficit, but its small compared to the overall picture — somewhere in the region of \$100,000 a year.

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# Japan-amateurs are top



by Ted Simmons



Australia and Japan are involved in many ways in trade and commerce but new ground has been broken in recent years on the sporting front.

The latest has been the visit by the Sydney St. George soccer team, which startled Japan with its professional play against the national teams, and, most of all, in winning the special tournament organised for the "benefit" of the National A team.

St. George not only proved worthy champions with an undefeated record, but showed that Australia's performances in the 1970 World Cup were not a "flash in the pan".

But what is the strength of Japan and how can we gauge their clubs against Australia?

Sokichiro Ushiki in Tokyo has provided some details on the Japanese soccer league.

It seems strange, he says, that the most amateurish football team in the league has won the league title five times in the last six seasons.

Although all the Japanese league clubs are so-called amateurs, some of them, such as the former champions, Mitsubishi F.C. of Tokyo, have recently been receiving more and more aid from the companies which sponsor them.

Mitsubishi is one of the biggest enterprises in Japan and the players of its football club are employees of the Mitsubishi companies.

The Mitsubishi team made a tour of South America last year and some of its players were sent to Europe to brush up their football skills in West German and English clubs, with all expenses paid by their companies.

The case of Toyo Kogyo of Hiroshima is quite different. The players of Toyo Kogyo are also employees of a big automobile factory. They work six days a week and do their training after work, but have never made a tour of South America or Europe as a team.

The results are, therefore, ironic.

Toyo Kogyo regained the league title in the 1970 season, which ended in November, while Mitsubishi F.C., the previous titleholder, dropped to second place.

What then, is the secret of the amateur team?

Coach Mr Shimomura said there was no secret for victory. They do their best and luck is on their side.

However, at the end of the season, the league table showed a different story with Toyo Kogyo gaining a total of 23 points with 11 wins and one draw, while Mitsubishi scored 18 points from 7 wins and 4 draws.

The league teams reveal other well-known names in the business world, such as Hitachi F.C., Nagoya Sogo Bank, Sin-Nihon Steel and Yanmar Deisel.

Total attendance at Japanese league matches showed a slight decrease over the two years from 1968 to 1970. The overall attendance at 56 matches in 1970 was 301,800, or 91% of the previous year. Officials said the main reason for the decrease seemed to be the excessive number of internationals between the Japanese national team and foreign clubs.

But these internationals have been necessary as part of the Japanese team build-up for the Asian Games, the Olympics

Australian forward Attila Abonyi (left, dark jumper) puts his second goal for St. George - Budapest past keeper Koji Funamoto in the match against Japan's National "B" team in Tokyo. The Australians won 6-2 to win a three-nation tournament.

and the World Cup. And the improvement has been noticeable by the visiting teams.

Djurgardens of Sweden travelled to Japan in 1953 to romp home against All Japan 6-1 and 9-1, but in November, last year lost out against a strong and competent home team.

Japan's third in the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico also did not pass unnoticed.

This then is the Japanese League, playing in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Tokohama and Hiroshima.

Australia has met Japan six times since 1956 for 3 wins, 2 draws and one loss, scoring 12 goals and conceding 8. The last two matches were World Cup games in 1969, which went Australia's way 3-1 and 1-1.

In the future, we can look forward to many more clashes against All Japan as the standard of soccer improves in this area, and none of them give any indication they will be easy.

## DI STEFANO RE-SIGNED

Alfredo Di Stefano, Spain's manager of the year, has renewed his contract with Valencia.

From the fiasco with Elche, which had many shaking their heads in sorrow that a great player was unable to transmit his genius to coaching, Di Stefano has had all the critics eating their words.

That he succeeded with the South American team Boca Juniors was put down to the work of the previous manager.

He took over Valencia last July and guided them to the Cup-final and this year the club has become one of the most powerful in the country.

Valencia president Don Julio de Miguel has given him an open cheque to sign his own terms for the next two years.

Vic Buckingham is a sick man and could leave soccer altogether despite the fantastic success he has had with Barcelona since he took over 18 months ago.

Ronnie Allen, the former West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton and English international player is having a hard time at the hands of the Spanish press.

The successful coach of Atletico Bilbao, who took over when this famous club was sinking in the quagmire of mediocrity two years ago has produced a cup winner in 1969, league runners-up in 1970, league challengers in 1971.

Allen presented new and unusual (for Spain) tough measures, banning press from dressing rooms and banning player interviews.

The press quickly retaliated with all the invective possible with language and within the bounds of decency.

## 13 LEAGUE TEAMS GET AXED

Thirteen of the 50 league teams in Holland are to be expelled.

This shock announcement has come from the Dutch football league after an extensive market research. The league does not want to wait until clubs are forced to withdraw from the competition through financial difficulties. Instead the league will announce the names of the unlucky 13.



# IS VICTORIA GOING BACKWARDS??

by PETER GIESECKE

Is Victorian soccer going backwards? This is a question being asked in Melbourne after a disastrous visit by last year's league champions Juventus Melbourne to the West coast to play in a special four-club tournament recently.

After beating Sydney champions Ryde late last year in what was regarded as the unofficial club championship of Australia, Juventus went to Perth confident of repeating their success in the 1970 four-club tournament.

In the preliminary match on Friday night, Juventus was drawn to meet Azzurri, winners of the Ampol Cup (1970 and 1971) and D'Orsogna Cup, and runners-up in the 1970 Perth championship, while Bayswater United (who had won promotion to the first division) and Perth 1970 champions Tricolore met in the other match.

Azzurri took the initiative immediately and Juventus did not fully recover from the shock of meeting a fast and fit Azzurri side — one that was prepared to chase every loose ball.

Juventus scored in the 73rd minute through Bryan Thomson to make it 1-3, but Azzurri soon re-established their three-goal margin to win 4-1. In the last 20 minutes, Juventus launched a series of desperate attacks on the Azzurri goal, but they could not find the net.

In the other match, Bayswater United thrashed Tricolore

6-3, which meant that Juventus had to meet Tricolore to play off for third and fourth place on the Sunday — a match between the 1970 champions of Victoria and Western Australia.

Tricolore tackled hard, determined to make up for their disastrous loss to newly-promoted Bayswater. The two teams were matched evenly and a couple of minutes before the end, it looked as if it was to be a 2-all draw. However, Tricolore gained a corner shortly before the final whistle and captain Graham Oughton slammed a powerful header past a dumb-founded Juventus defence.

Juventus' goals were scored by Sandy Irvine and Gareth Salisbury.

Azzurri went on to beat Bayswater 5-0 in a powerful display in the final.

Where does this leave Juventus, who came fourth in the tournament?

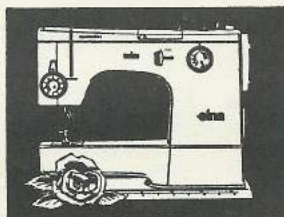
And what about Azzurri? Should they now be considered unofficial Australian club champions?

These are questions that only a national league could answer because one outing does not make or break champions.

By the way, Bayswater United must be congratulated for organising and promoting the tournament. They did it first as a second-division club last year and as a newcomer to the top league this year.

It is a pity that more initiative is not shown by other clubs throughout Australia so that we can occasionally move away from the colloquialism of soccer to a broader, Australian level.

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Bobby Moore, England's captain, who was up on a theft charge in the Colombian fiasco last year, is virtually made of money and can afford to buy anything he wants. His football skill has made him a rich man. **SOCCER SCENE's** roving reporter **BARRY THORNTON** talked to Moore about his money in this **PROFILE** report.

## PROFILE:

Moore is now one of the highest-paid footballers. He has achieved this through his own persistence. I asked him whether he put money above everything else.

"Football is my living," he said. "The more money I can get from it the better living we are going to have. I look on football wages as a reward for the efforts I put into the season before. If you have achieved something more than anyone else, you have the right to demand more. You cannot get paid for what you're going to do, because no-one is assured of doing it.

"As a youngster with West Ham, I was given one-year contracts. When I was in a position to negotiate a good, long contract for security, I made certain I did so."

Moore had estimated that he would earn about \$170,000 by the end of his football career. Would he stick to this figure?

Moore smiled and said: "If West Ham were to be successful in the next three or four years and I was part of that, then there would be a lot of money to be earned. I can't say how much—everyone aims to make as much from the game as possible. There may come a time when West Ham find another good young left-half who could have 10 or 12 years in the first team, while I might be good for another two years. This fact is always in the back of my mind and makes me push myself to give a 100% effort."

Moore is always cool on the field and has every situation under control. Did he have the same cool off the field?

"Certain things aggravate me and infuriate me a lot," he said. "Even things on the football pitch, but we are well-paid professionals and have to be sensible enough not to lose our heads or become demonstrative over a bad foul or decision. At home, I don't like things to be out of place. I like to get things seen to and out of the way. I hate jobs hanging around for a long while. I must have things under control. It's the same on the pitch. If the opposition starts to mount an attack or there's a threat of danger, I like to put an end to it quickly and decisively. As I said, I hate things hanging about."

As club and England captain, what were his main worries?

"I don't have any great worries," he said. "Being captain is simple because the players know what is expected of them. The thing in the back of my mind all the time is whether I am setting an example to others. If I do something wrong on the field, I can't expect others to be perfect. Apart from that, there's not much to do. The people behind a professional team these days are so thorough that every



*Bobby Moore*

situation that could arise is covered. In fact, I make few decisions. I enjoy the role of captain."

Had he as a schoolboy made up his mind to be a professional footballer?

"I had no doubts whatsoever. When I was 11, my headmaster overheard me tell some boys I wanted to be a professional footballer. He kindly pointed out that such a career would end when I was about 32 and what would I do then?" "By then, sir," I told him, "I should have enough money saved to start my own business."

Who had helped shape his career?

"I joined the amateur staff at West Ham at 15 and Malcolm Allison took us for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Later, Noel Cantwell took an interest in me. Then I met up with Ron Greenwood. So right from the early days I've had the best help that has been available."

How did his role of a third full-back eventuate?

"It happened some years ago during one of our heavy Easter programmes when we had two matches on consecutive days. Ron asked me to play back alongside the centre-half, covering him, rather than to play the normal wing-half game. It worked like a charm and we had a marvellous result and I have more or less played the same role ever since."

Did he miss the opportunity of scoring goals?

"Every footballer loves scoring goals, but I'm happy doing what I am. Now and again I feel that I would like to do something different and have a little more freedom."

Moore is called the Golden Boy because of his ability, good looks, fair curly hair and the snappy way he dresses.

Did he try to live up to that image?

"To get the record straight—the image is created for you by the people, whether it is the right image or not. I try to do the things that are right and not detrimental to my career. A lot of people get pleasure from wearing nice clothes and I'm no exception. I have a share in a suede-leather partnership, which I enjoy immensely because the fashion business appeals to me. I don't actually design clothes, I sort of explain them. It began when I asked a friend to make me a jacket which later attracted comment from people abroad. My wife Tina was a model before we were married and she has certain ideas that often are helpful. It's part of life nowadays that people like to wear and be seen in nice things."

Moore received the OBE after leading England to World Cup victory. Was it fair that one player should be singled out to receive the honour?

"I first got wind of this award some months before and I was so concerned about how the others in the team would react, I asked several people what I should do. I spoke to Sir Alf Ramsay and he told me that lots of things would come along like this—some in my favour, some in other people's. He said that it should be looked on as an honour for the whole team and I should accept it in that light. Since then, Bobby Charlton received an OBE."

Who was the greatest footballer he had seen?

"Pele has been one of the greatest players in the game. I still remember the marvellous things he did when we first met. I was so impressed that I named our cat Pele. I hope that next time we meet, he doesn't make a monkey out of me."



# BOOKS

Most people who go to soccer matches know little about the techniques and skills of the modern game. In fact few even have a full appreciation of the rules and regulations.

Well-written and well-illustrated books help to fill these gaps.

Three new publications by Pelham Books cover a wide variety of subjects and will have wide appeal. They are:  
 • *Association Football News Illustrated* by Stanley Lover, with a foreword by Sir Stanley Rous.

• *On The Ball* by George Best  
 • *Goalkeeping* by Bob Wilson

The beauty of Lover's book is that all laws and fouls are illustrated, making it easy to follow, even for the layman. To conclude the book, the F.I.F.A. Laws of the Game are reproduced.

The darling of soccer, Manchester United's George Best needs no introduction. His wizardry with the ball has thrilled millions around the globe.

His cartoon strip "On The Ball" now appearing weekly in The Sunday Australian is based on this book. In the book, George studies and analyses the skills and techniques of Britain's top players

Arsenal's Bob Wilson, one of England's top goalkeepers, is deeply interested in the science of his profession and his book reflects this. "Goalkeeping is not just my job it is my life," he says. He breaks down all functions of goalkeepers, discussing personal qualities such as courage, reflexes, concentration mental attitude, mobility and positional sense.



These cartoons illustrate the "seven commandments" of goalkeeping, principles set out by the late Frank Smith (Manchester City and England) and later adopted by Bob Wilson.

- (1) Keep your eye on the ball and your body behind it.
- (2) Profit by your own mistakes. Hold an 'inquest' on all shots which beat you.
- (3) Reach an understanding with the whole of the team not just the full-backs.
- (4) Learn to call to your defence; don't be afraid to ask them for the return or back pass. It's one of the best moves in the game.
- (5) Vary your goal kicks and clearances.
- (6) Get it firmly fixed in your mind that when the ball is in the six-yard area it is yours.
- (7) Watch and study top line goalkeepers — I learned that way.

(right):

Rodney Marsh, who will be with the England touring team in Australia next month, is one of the players analysed by George Best. George says of him: "A natural footballer and a showman, Rodney Marsh believes his job is to entertain the crowd — and he enjoys every moment of it. A splendid dribbler — he creates many of his own chances — he also has a cracking shot."

Rodney overcame three serious injuries before he hit the top. One cost him the hearing in his left ear.



**PETER ARGO**, who visited the islands of Hawaii last month, took time off to look at the local soccer scene. He says:



# Hawaii Is A Surprise

*The playing field for Hawaiian soccer is Kapliolani Park, next to Waikiki Beach, in the parkland under Diamond Head mountain, which is in the background. This must be the most beautiful setting for a ground anywhere in the World.*

Hawaii Visitors Bureau Picture

When you think about Hawaii and sport most people conjure up a picture of surfers riding home monstrous waves. Therefore, I was surprised to find that the group of paradise islands has a strong soccer movement.

In fact, soccer has been played in Hawaii for about 40 years and the present Hawaii Soccer Football Association was formed ten years ago. It even has a newsletter called Hawaii Soccer News, which keeps fans informed on the local scene.

The ten teams in the Hawaii league probably represent more nationalities than any other competition in the world. There are around 30 nations represented and these include the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland, Eire, Wales, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Fiji, Tahiti, Tonga, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, New Zealand, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Thailand, West Indies, Samoa, India, Nigeria, Holland, Belgium and Austria.

But even with such a mixture of races, there is not the slightest tension in the competition (unlike the ugly racial rows that flare up at some matches in Australia). This is typical of the way the races live, work and play together in Hawaii.

Soccer's popularity is spreading quickly in Honolulu, capital of the Aloha state of the U.S.A. This is due mainly to the enthusiasm and work put into the sport by the administrators — people like the association secretary, Alan Chase, an American who spends much of his time promoting the sport, Peter Wilcox, the chairman, and Ernest Lewis, chairman from 1954 to 1970, when a heart attack forced him to retire.

Somehow Alan found out that I am a friend of Sir Stanley Rous,"Mr. Lewis recalled while I was having dinner with him in the spectacular Ilikai Hotel on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach strip. "I came to live in Hawaii after I retired from B.O.A.C. and with Alan showing so much enthusiasm, I was soon involved in the local soccer scene.

"The standard here is not high, but we have our share of successes against teams from visiting ships. However, the standard is improving, particularly now that soccer is catching on among young people. Already, eight high schools play the sport.

"In America, soccer is looked upon as a status symbol and it is the thing to be able to say: 'I play soccer'."

(By the way, television fans who watch the series "Hawaii Five - O" will see Mr Lewis on their screens because he often plays small parts).

Soccer in Honolulu is probably played on the most picturesque ground in the world. It is played on Kapliolani Park adjacent to Waikiki Beach, with the famous Diamond Head mountain as a back drop.

Outside Honolulu, little soccer is played in the State, although there are a couple of teams in Hilo capital of the island of Hawaii (Honolulu is on the island of Oahu).

Honolulu International headed the league record list for the first time last season, winning 23 of their 28 matches. However, they were beaten 1-2 by University of Hawaii Rainbows in the 1971 Hawaii Cup Final. Other teams in the competition are Church College (made up of Mormons, Tahitians, and Fijians), Soccer Club of Hawaii (originally a German team), Honolulu United (originally English), Eastern Oahu Kickers, Schofield Warriors (a military team), Wah Ching (a Chinese team) and Honolulu Athletic.



# N.N.S.W. GETS NEW BLOOD

New blood — in the form of the 1970 Second Division champion, Maitland — has been injected into the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation's 1971 First Division premiership. Maitland, about which there is a definite strain of English professionalism, has come to the top division with outstanding credentials.

Yet, some soccer diehards are already predicting that the Coalfields side will, ironically, provide its own downfall by provoking teams better equipped to deal with its rugged style than were its Second Division opponents of last season.

That revelation alone is enough to stimulate interest in the new season.

But despite the uncomplimentary remarks about Maitland's efforts in crushing its 1970 opposition, there is no denying the club's right to return to the top grade.

Maitland gained this satisfaction the hard way.

Second Division champion in 1969, club members were critical and bitterly disappointed, when the Northern Federation decided to suspend the promotion and relegation system for a season.

There had been an influx of young players from the United Kingdom, who remained to continue the club's campaign again in 1970.

And under its coach, Bill Baron, a former Preston North End player before he joined Mayfield United and later Newcastle Austral, Maitland went undefeated last season, conceding three drawn results.

The team scored 105 goals against 16, indicating its all round ability.

Star of the forward line was the diminutive left winger, Brian Whitehead, whose 36 goals made a great contribution to the team's success.

A product of Sheffield, Whitehead played as a district representative on the Sheffield United ground on one occasion before moving to Australia.

He scored a great goal for Northern N.S.W. against Manchester City last season, and was later nominated unsuccessfully by the Northern Federation for a place in the Australian team that toured overseas last year.

Whitehead's 36 premiership goals last season eclipsed by two, the tally of his centre forward and team mate, Bogden Duma.

This pair will spearhead Maitland's attack in the First Division.

Allan Roberts, another who played for Northern N.S.W. last season, and who also hails from Sheffield, is one of the team's personality players.

A beetle-style head of hair, and long, floppy shorts form a facade behind which is a more-than-useful talent for wing or inside forward play.

His younger brother, David, a mid-field schemer, leads the team this season.

Mike Davies, a rugged fullback, spent three years with Aston Villa, trialled with Chelsea, and eventually played for Northampton Town.

He gained further experience when he played for the North last season against Moscow Dynamo.

Others in the current first grade side are, Stephen Toth (born in Australia of Hungarian parents) whose ability as an overlapping fullback is a feature; Alan Povey, a small, but durable halfback who once tried out with Coventry; and the two recruits from Edinburgh, Dick Wilkin and Murray Flanagan, both extremely competent halfbacks.

Welshman Brian Potter adds his skill as a mid-field player, and Ken Boardman, who arrived in Maitland during August, 1970 had three years' tuition at Blackpool under the famous club's equally famous manager, Les Shannon.

Stephen Griffiths (goalkeeper) and the former West Wallsend defender, Barry Pearce, are two local-born players who help form the nucleus of Maitland's top squad.

The club has retained all of last season's players, including Bill Turley, who returned earlier in the year from a holiday to his home in Wolverhampton, where his father is mine host at a local pub.

There, on a wall adjacent to the stars of Wolverhampton Wanderers, are photos associated with Maitland's achievements.

And through this medium, the hard-working Secretary of the Maitland Soccer Football Club, Mr John Sullivan, believes that several new faces from around the Wolverhampton district could appear in Maitland in the near future.

## Amateurs

by Pertinax

The new Amateur Division of the Australian Soccer Federation has already held discussions on the future of amateur soccer in Australia. The new division, which was formed earlier this year after the winding-up of the Australia Amateur Soccer Association, is working in co-operation with the ASF.

Secretary Brian Emery said three main points have been lengthily discussed by the committee, involving interstate and national issues. A request has been received from the Bankstown Association in Sydney to conduct the Under 10 Interstate competition run successfully last year as part of the Bi-Centenary celebrations.

Mr Emery also said the Amateur Committee will meet in Canberra in June to discuss whether the costs for the National Youth Championships can be reduced, possibly by the use of sponsors.

His final point, which affects Australian soccer generally, will concern the Olympic Games.

A committee member who is travelling overseas will visit FIFA to discuss an Australian application for the 1976 Olympic Games, what grouping we would be placed in, and what costs would be involved.

There is a possibility Australia could be included in the African section, which could result in lengthy travel and great expense, or some other area which is not easily accessible for this country. The results of the FIFA discussions will be examined by the Amateur Division and recommendations put forward for further consideration.

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# Division 2 changes NSW set up

by Glyn Griffiths

There is a marked change in the pattern of Sydney soccer, with more and more second division teams becoming ambitious for the big time.

A few years ago, any team promoted to first division prepared for a hazardous initial season, convinced that the most important job to be achieved was survival.

The gap between the semi-professionals of first division and the amateurs of second division was huge. For this reason, promotion often meant blood, toil, tears and sweat—followed by inevitable relegation to the less rigorous surroundings of second division.

But a change has come. No longer do second division clubs feel apprehensive about promotions. They seek it eagerly. They welcome it. And, what's more, they immediately start chasing honours in the top division instead of being content with merely staying up with the big boys.

All of which brings me to the remarkable successes of two recently-promoted clubs, Marconi Fairfield and Western Suburbs. After the 1969 season, promoted Marconi challenged the best that the NSW first division had to offer and emerged from the battle with many medals. Indeed, Marconi finished in fifth place, only just missing out on the top four series which decides the championship.

In addition to successes on the field, the Fairfield side also notched a few honours off the field. Their biggest achievement was the establishment of their own home ground, several miles out of Sydney, and the building up of profits in their social club, which is situated alongside the playing pitch.

Marconi Fairfield are now one of the best supported teams in NSW, and their playing strength suggests they could again challenge closely for honours this year. In fact, the team reached the final of the pre-season Ampol Cup series, going down narrowly during the extra time period. The team that beat Marconi in that 1971 Ampol final was Western Suburbs, which brings me to the next part of this story.

Western Suburbs achieved promotion to first division at the end of last year. During Wests' big presentation night celebrations, skipper Archie Blue, a well-known figure for many years in top-class Australian soccer, predicted: "Wests will win the premiership in 1971."

Of course, nobody took Blue seriously. The very thought that second division upstarts could take the title in their first season in the top division was unthinkable. Yet few people realised just how serious Wests were about making a success of their soccer set-up.

Backed by enormous profits from their social club — averaging about \$120,000 annually — Wests embarked on a player recruitment scheme which gave



Brian Turner (Western Suburbs, Sydney), one of Australia's most exciting new discoveries, was unlucky with this header during the Wests v Prague match. Prague goalkeeper Gary King held Turner's header safely, watched by international referee Tony Boskovic. Turner is one of the Wests recruits who is doing so much to establish the team as a power in the NSW first division competition.

them one of the best sides in NSW. Wim Spiekerman and George Kinnell were bought from Melbourne clubs Wilhelmina and Juventus respectively. Brian Turner, from Northern NSW, was lured from England after completing a successful 18 months engagement with Tottenham Hotspur; State goalkeeper Terry Eaton was signed from Melita Eagles, and 17-year-old amateur David Jack, having just returned from three months full-time training and playing with Manchester United, signed for Wests as a professional for little more than one year's University fees.

These new names, teaming up with the best of the 1970 Western Suburbs players — Van Blerk, Hargreaves, Johnston, Guildea, Blue, Byles and Kelly made Wests a force to be reckoned with.

They won the Ampol Cup handsomely and soon moved to near the top of the league. They look a good bet for the top four series.

The feats achieved by Marconi Fairfield and Western Suburbs have convinced any number of second division teams that they need not be at all apprehensive about promotion to first division. So the clamour for promotion has transformed a previously pedestrian second division competition into an intriguing struggle—with at least half a dozen clubs desperately seeking first division status.

Granville-Parramatta, Sutherland Shire, Gladesville-Ryde Corinthians, Melita Eagles, Manly and Bankstown all believe they could rank alongside Marconi Fairfield and Western Suburbs in the big time if given the chance.

There are other keen second division teams. And some in the third division with similar ambitions.

This is a very healthy change, because it emphasises clearly that a handful of wealthy clubs like St George-Budapest, Apia Leichhardt, Hakoah and one or two others, are not the be-all and end-all of soccer in NSW. The powerful teams are still pretty powerful, of course. However, they had better look carefully over their

A "Sun-Herald" picture shoulders because their years of dominance could be coming to an end. The many minor clubs, content for years to remain in the small time, are searching for scalps. The bigger the scalps, the better the upstarts will enjoy taking them.

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Indeed, the old-timers regard it as almost sacrilege to mention such men as George Graham, John Radford or Ray Kennedy in the same breath, although it must be pointed out, in fairness, that young Charlie George, who scored Arsenal's Cup Final-winning goal reveals glimpses of greatness which could still take him to the heights of his Highbury predecessors.

Despite the extraordinary forward talent of the Arsenal of the 1930s, that team was often regarded as essentially strong in defence. Tactically, the 'old' Arsenal were streets ahead of most English teams in defence because team manager Herbert Chapman knew exactly how to extract maximum efficiency out of defenders who were probably no better than their successors of some 40 years later. Solid, at times unbeatable, defence allied to remarkable forward skills made Arsenal the team for everyone to fear in the glorious 1930s.

Perhaps it is unfair to make comparisons, though. Soccer has changed so much in the past four decades. No longer do forwards have the time to display their individual skills. The moment they receive the ball, they are tackled. The technology of the game has all been concentrated improving defence, and that is why brilliant individual forwards are like rare gems.

It is doubtful if the obviously skilful Charlie George can survive in such an atmosphere. George Best of Manchester United is one of the very few forwards able to match the old-timers in pure skills, but perhaps Best is a freak. He is a throw-back to the old days. Best, undoubtedly, would have been a star had he played in the 1930s.



# asia slips thru



## our hands

After four years of struggle, success and failure, W.A. has finally lost the Merdeka tournament — Asia's most prestigious annual tournament.

Added to this blow, the State's participation in the newly-formed Indonesian anniversary tournament is tottering uncertainly on the brink of extinction as Asia seems to grow disenchanted with Australia.

Such was the importance attached to the Indonesian tournament that W.A. Soccer Federation president Julius C. Re was sent on a lightening flying visit to Djakarta. He did not succeed in getting W.A. an invitation, but there was a compromise.

The undeniable message was that W.A. is not welcome, but a combined Australian eleven would be acceptable. This must include four or five Australian players added to the basic W.A. side.

The Australian eleven has already been included in Group A with Malaysia, Cambodia and South Vietnam.

The Question is: why has W.A.'s close ties with Asia cooled?

The official excuse is that W.A.'s poor performances over the past two years have lowered the standard of Merdeka. However, Thailand, Singapore and South Vietnam are no better in the overall analysis. Of course, they are Asian and would automatically be included in the Asian tournaments.

Insiders say that a number of Asian nations expressed the feeling that to beat W.A. was to beat only a State, while being beaten by W.A. was to lose to only a State. Therefore, it was a question of a loss of face, added to an aim to make it a tournament for nations and not part nations.

To be beaten by the powerful Australians would be no disgrace, while victory would boost a nation's image in Asia—and the World.

The efforts by W.A. to compete once more in the anniversary tournament could still be doomed to failure if the Eastern States clubs continue their selfish attitudes. A number of clubs, when approached for a player, threw their hands up in horror and pleaded important matches at the time of the tour. This reaction does not say much for the depth of talent in these clubs.

W.A. would love to continue to go it alone, and to again prove that their soccer has improved beyond recognition in the past 12 months after more qualified coaches were employed.

*W.A. has had some good wins in the Merdeka Tournament. In this picture, W.A. keeper Chris Wissink flies high to get above a South Korean striker. Other W.A. players are former captain John O'Connell (centre) and Alan Lind, former National Under 23 star. W.A. beat South Korea 3-0.*

**by David Andrews**

This year, W.A. has in coach John Adshead, a former coach with Exeter City of the English fourth division, a man with progressive and imaginative ideas, and he has the complete loyalty of players under his command.

He will take no absenteeism from training, except for illness or employment difficulties, but he has been scrupulously fair by resisting any pressures to bring other players into the squad because of temporary lapses by State players in club matches.

Last year W.A. had good results, including draws with Hertha 03 Zehlendorf 2-2, (who were regional premiers in Berlin in 1969 and 1970) Manchester City 1-1, (European Cup Winners' Cup holders) F.C. Zurich 1-1 (Swiss premiers) and the combined Indonesian Universities 0-0.

This year, W.A. has looked good, especially in attack. The State was unlucky to lose 0-2 to VSS Kosice and should have beaten Moscow Dynamo, but had to settle for a 3-3 draw.

The feeling is that this year, with a full strength side under the direction of Adshead, W.A. would come close to winning the tournament in Indonesia.

Last year, only a second side could be sent because the top players had applied for selection in the Merdeka tournament.

However, W.A.'s venture is in jeopardy unless Eastern States' clubs co-operate by providing a small contingent to make up a combined side.

It certainly is important to win, because success ensures future participation, but it is equally important to maintain our presence in Asian tournaments. After all, Australia is more a part of Asian than Oceania.

The general-secretary of the A.S.F., Mr Brian Le Fevre, said in Sydney that he did not think the clubs would release the five players needed to supplement the W.A. team. The competitions were tight and clubs could not be blamed for not risking matches without a top player.

The combined team could not use the name "Australian Eleven" or "Combined Australian Team" because it would not be a representative side. It would have to use the name "W.A. plus guests" or something similar.



# W.A.'s RESULTS OVER FOUR YEARS

W.A. showed Australia the way into Asia in 1967 and for the last four years has continued to maintain the Australian flag in the region.

Why Australia did not try to take over from W.A. is a mystery.

There is the argument that interruption in local competition has become unbearable, and this is a valid one. However, when viewed over the whole national spectrum it is one that should be overcome. Another school of thought is that Australia would thrash all comers in Merdeka and thereby kill the tournament.

However, continual competition on an international scale must improve the national team in technique and knowledge. Also, a chance of an overseas trip would make players strive harder, thereby improving local competitions.

W.A. failed in Asia because of a "stop-start" policy with the touring sides. Each year, there were different managers, coaches and, what is worse, players. Very few who had gained experience the year before, were used the following year and consequently, the side started from scratch each time.

In 1967, W.A. performed reasonably well despite the fact that they finished ninth out of 11 nations.

In 1968, W.A. surprised the cynics, critics and knockers by thrashing such teams as South Korea to finish in third place. With a little bit of luck W.A. could have had a place in the finals.

After that success, the W.A.S.F. changed the coach, after a personality clash, and changed many players.

The new coach and players gave no opposition and deserved to finish sixth in a half-hearted tournament, which had been reduced to eight teams and postponed because of racial riots in 1969.

In 1970, W.A. took off without the coach because he could not get time off from work without loss of wages. Consequently, without direction, the team again failed and finished 10th in a field of 12, even though it had plenty of potential.

The invitation to the 1970 inaugural Indonesian Anniversary Tournament was eagerly accepted, but presented problems. Many players were unavailable and a team of nearly all State reserves was sent. W.A. lost both preliminary matches, going down 1-3 to Indonesia and 1-2 to Hong Kong.

It is symptomatic of W.A.'s experiences that lack of continual competition prevents adequate preparation for these tournaments.

After a poor Merdeka last year, we went to Singapore and played the top national side and thrashed them 8-1 in one of most powerful displays ever seen on the island by a visiting side.

The following are the results achieved by W.A. since 1967:

1967 Merdeka: v Malaysia 2-3; v India 1-3; v Thailand 3-1; v South Vietnam 0-3; v Hong Kong 2-3. Play off 9th and 10th place: v Singapore 5-3.



Dutch-born striker Johnny Van Oosten (light shirt) starred for Azzurri in their important clash against arch-rivals East-Fremantle Tricolore, last season's premiers in the W.A. first division. Both had been unbeaten, but Van Oosten got a hat-trick to give Azzurri a 3-1 win over Tricolore. The Tricolore player is defender Hugh Miller. Both players are regulars in the W.A. State team.

1968 Merdeka: v South Korea 3-0; v Indonesia 5-4; v Taiwan 3-2; v Singapore 4-4. Semi-finals: v Malaysia 3-4. Play off 3rd and 4th place: v Indonesia 3-1.

1969 Merdeka: v India 1-0; v Singapore 2-4; v Burma 2-5. Play off 5th and 6th place: v South Korea 2-3.

1970 Merdeka: v Burma 0-1; v South Vietnam 3-1; v India 0-2; v Malaysia 1-4; v Taiwan 3-1. Play off 9th and 10th place: v Thailand 0-2.

This is how they finished.

1967

1. South Korea\*
2. Burma\*
3. South Vietnam
4. Malaysia
5. Taiwan
6. Hong Kong
7. India
8. Indonesia
9. W.A.
10. Singapore
11. Thailand

\*denotes equal first

1968

1. Malaysia
2. Burma
3. W.A.
4. Indonesia
5. South Korea
6. India
7. Japan
8. Thailand
9. South Vietnam
10. Hong Kong
11. Taiwan
12. Singapore

1969

1. Indonesia
2. Malaysia
3. Burma
4. Singapore
5. South Korea
6. W.A.
7. India
8. Thailand

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6. Indonesia
7. Japan
8. Taiwan
9. Thailand
10. W.A.
11. South Vietnam
12. Singapore

## STOP

## PRESS

As this edition went to press, the president of the W.A.S.F., Mr. Julius Re, announced a 17 man squad for the Indonesian Anniversary Tournament.

The squad includes three players who have recently joined W.A. clubs on loan from Eastern States teams. They are Jim Sambrook and Keith Gibson (both from Apia Sydney) and John Lovell (from Lion Adelaide).

He said that Eastern States clubs were not prepared to release players, but that the squad would be acceptable to the Indonesian organisers.

However, there has been no confirmation from Indonesia yet that this team will be allowed to compete.





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# A BROKEN LEG

BY DON HUDSON

On Easter Saturday this year, I suffered a double fracture of the right leg below the knee, whilst keeping goal against North Perth — Croatia

As I was carried off on the stretcher to a waiting ambulance, I thought of Joe Mercer, one time Arsenal captain and now manager of Manchester City. I had seen him carried off the pitch at Arsenal Stadium suffering an identical injury. He was also the same age as I — 39.

Before writing this article, I checked on the date of Joe Mercer's accident and to my amazement found two further coincidences. Joe had also broken a leg on Easter Saturday and the date was also April 10. That Easter afternoon in 1954 was also bright and sunny at Arsenal Stadium, where Arsenal were playing Liverpool.

The crowd of 30,000 were happy that Arsenal were leading 1-0 after 19 minutes, with a goal scored by Derek Tapscott, who was making his debut. Five minutes later gloom settled over the ground when Joe was carried off the pitch.

The crack was heard all over the field as Joe and one of his backs, Wade, swung together for an awkwardly bouncing ball Mercer fell, obviously in great pain.

The crowd was hushed as Joe was lifted on to the stretcher. Then, as it approached the exit to the murmur of sympathy from the crowd, Joe made a gesture that none at Highbury will ever forget. His face white and twisted with pain, he pulled his arms from the covering brown blanket and waved to the crowd, as if to thank them for all the cheers they had ever given him.

Suddenly the murmur became a roar . . . the fans were saying goodbye to a man who had won most of the honours that football has to offer.

He played five full internationals for England, twenty-two wartime internationals, won two post-war F.A. Cup medals, two championship medals, and the footballer-of-the-year award.

On April 30th he was due to captain a veteran English International side (including Wilf Mannion, Len Shackleton, Tommy Lawton and Stan Mathews) against a Young England side. That would have been a fitting finale to a brilliant career of 25 playing years.

## and a cup final

The English F.A. Cup Final between Arsenal and Liverpool brings back memories of the last time they met in the Cup Final, 21 years ago in 1950.

It was a dull, wet day, but the afternoon was lit by the brilliance of the Arsenal football and especially the two goals scored by Reg Lewis, their inside-left.

In the first half, Liverpool probably had more goal-scoring chances, but did not take them. Their centre forward Stubbins hesitated twice and muffed his shots, and twice headed wide.

Now for those goals. The first came in the 15th minute. A long clearance from the Liverpool half was intercepted by the Arsenal centre-half, 37-year-old Les Compton — and headed out to left back Walley Barnes. Barnes moved into the centre circle and slid a meticulous pass 25 yards along the Wembley turf to Jimmy Logie, their 5ft. 3in Scottish inside — right, standing with his back to the goal. Whipping around, Logie who had switched to inside-left, held the ball a split second, drew the Liverpool defence out of position, and slid it into the penalty area to inside-left Reg Lewis, who was racing through at inside-right. Lewis collected the ball level with the penalty spot and, as Sidlow the Liverpool keeper came out, he calmly flicked it with his right foot into the corner of the net. A tremendous roar from the Wembley Stadium — Arsenal were one up.

The second Lewis goal was another beauty (20 minutes after half-time). The 35-year-old Joe Mercer (now manager of Manchester City), who had played a copy book captain's game, pushed the ball to Logie. This time Logie square-passed the ball to Cox. The right-winger, back heeled it to

# FLASH BACK

Lewis, racing into the penalty area and from about five yards, he hammered a low right-foot shot into the near corner of the goal.

Liverpool fought back and, in the last ten minutes, the Arsenal goal was under siege and goalkeeper Swindin was forced to make the save of the match from a flying Stubbins header.

The final whistle went and Arsenal had won 2-0 — a game and two goals I will never forget — Don Hudson.

## Referees' CORNER

by Lou Mattershead  
First Division Referee

In introducing the column — an innovation most welcome — some attempt will be made at taking our soccer laws and presenting them in a manner which will make your understanding a little easier and we hope, your criticism a lot less biased.

In no other sport is so much asked of a man. He is timekeeper, report keeper, doctor, lawyer, judge and jury for 90 minutes, while partisan crowds take sides. This is no mean feat, but it has to be done. Perhaps the best way to describe a referee would be five Fs.

1. He would have to be a FANATIC to put up with some of the criticism levelled at him by well-meaning but, alas, ill-informed spectators. His love of the game must be paramount.

2. He must be about with FITNESS to keep up with the game and be in, or near, the right spot to give his decisions.

3. FLEXIBILITY must be a keyword in his make up. He has to be capable of making instantaneous decisions and to allow play to continue where stoppage would give unfair advantage.

4. FEARLESSNESS is also part of his make up. His decisions, once made, have to be stuck to, regardless of the wrath of the crowd.

5. And, finally, FRANKNESS. It is my belief that a referee should be frank. It must be easy to discuss matters relating to the code with him, because in this way, understanding of the game will be greater and enjoyment of the game better.

It is intended, where hypothetical questions are asked, to answer them through these columns. Only hypothetical questions can be answered, because only the referee on the spot can see his reason for the decision given.

If you have any questions, write C/- The Editor — these will be answered.

How much do you know of the offside law (Law H) Next month we will discuss it.

Till then good viewing — good voice and, if you drive to the soccer match, BELT UP.

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# Draw Favours Hollandia In Cup

The draw for the quarter-finals of Queensland's intra state Qantas Cup competition, to be played at Perry Park headquarters on June 5 and 6 favours the current holders Hollandia -Inala.

Hollandia caused the boilder of the season last year when they tramped through a rain-sodden Perry Park pitch to down the premiers Azzurri 2-1.

That win halted a clean sweep by the premiers, as they had also captured the grand final and the first round Presidents Cup.

On present premiership form, Hollandia are favoured by the quarter-final draw because they are scheduled to meet Ipswich side, Coalstars, who Hollandia swept aside to the tune of 4-1 in a recent premiership clash.

The most interesting Cup struggle of the weekend should be when early league leaders Bardon-Latrobe will face the rapidly improving Merton-East side, coached by the State's Director of Coaches, Matt Carson. Merton apparently have overcome the loss of former State striker Eric Pattison. They are pinning their faith on young wingers Des Heath and Bevan Bohan, and another former State forward, who is pressing for re-inclusion in the squad, Trevor Catchpole.

The stylish Bardon side has a wealth of good ball players, a powerful defence and a compact half-back line, but little strength in up forward. The club received a serious setback earlier when former St. George (Sydney) winger Willy Todd was suspended until the end of the season and fined \$200 by the Federation management committee over a registration dispute. The appeal from Bardon is still to be heard, but Bardon must come up with an answer for their ailing forward line or be prepared for exit from the Cup.

In another quarter-final clash, another strong premiership challenger, Grange-Thistle, may be able to take advantage of an injury-stricken Hellenic.

Stocky young striker Bill Fagan already has been sidelined for four weeks with badly torn ankle tendons and top defender Gordon Mackle also may be sitting on the bench nursing a bad ankle sprain.

On the brighter side, Scottish twins Bill and Bob Maxton have arrived back in Brisbane after leaving at the start of the season for a family visit. Both sturdy defenders, they will greatly solidify the work of Rod Walsh, Chas. Matters and 'keeper Stan Sander in Mackie's absence.

Thistle have been fielding their best side for many season, with most of the goalscoring power coming from squad-members Ritchie Smith and Jim Ancliffe. With the defence led by State centre-half Barry Dann, Thistle will have strong support to say that they can advance a stage further in the Cup.



Azzurri's international centre-forward Ian Johnston (right) challenges Thistle half-back Col Bain for possession during a club match at Perry Park.

While currently not the force of last year, Azzurri almost certainly will be favourites to down premiership tailenders Polonia in the other match.

It was generally expected at the start of the competition that eight first division sides would fill the quarter-final position, but not many expected such strong challenges from the country representatives.

Azzurri struggled against Far North Queensland at Mereeba for some time before opening their account, 20 minutes into the second half. That deflated the resistance of the game country side, and after Azzurri's greater fitness and experience wore them down, they finally succumbed to the tune of 5-0.

The popular Mt. Isa side, who have in the last two years won their first-round matches at home, were this time called to Brisbane to face Bardon-Latrobe.

When they left the field at halftime with a lead of 1-0, the crowd was humming with the possibility of a major Cup upset. But Mt. Isa's cocky resistance in the first half eventually took its toll before Bardon emerged with a 4-1 lead at fulltime. But that was by far the most impressive side to come from the Isa and they can, on that performance, look forward next year with confidence to achieving the one thrill that has eluded them — to win a match in Brisbane.

Hollandia too were almost on the wrong end of a Cup upset when they struggled to beat the North Queensland side at Townsville. North Queensland

forced the Brisbane side into 20 minutes of extra time, only to concede the winning goal to State player Darryl Wilkins in the first minute of that extra period.

Thistle fared the best of the northern visitors when they beat Central Queensland 3-0 at Mackay, all three goals coming from left winger Steve Pollard.

The Cup in recent years has become the prestige event on the Queensland soccer calendar and on the weekend of June 5 and 6, a packed Perry Park should justify that reputation.

State coach George Pagan is currently training a squad of 20, from which the State side to meet the England F.A. team at Lang Park (Rugby League Headquarters) on Monday, June 14 will be named.

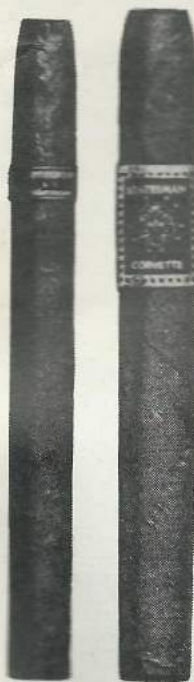
The match is scheduled at Lang Park because Perry Park at present does not have the capability of holding the anticipated crowd of 20,000 for this clash.

## PORTUGUESE CHAMPIONSHIP

Benfica of Lisbon has won the 1970-71 Portuguese first division championship finishing three points ahead of last year's champions Sporting. Varzim and Leixoes finished at the bottom of the league table and are relegated to the second division for next season. Final standings were:

Benfica	41	CUF	21
Sporting	38	Tirsense	20
Porto	37	Farense	20
Setubal	34	Barreirense	20
Academica	33	Guimaraes	19
Boavista	23	Leixoes	19
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